

**San Antonio, TX** - Congressman Charles Gonzalez (TX-20) issued the following statement commemorating Memorial Day:

"While we commemorate this Memorial Day by coming together and honoring those who have sacrificed for our country, we also share the grief of the friends and family members who were left behind. In addition, we must remember that we're not just the beneficiaries of the bravery of our veterans, but we are the stewards of their sacrifice. As Americans, we each owe a great deal of gratitude to those who have served in our military.

"Memorial Day provides us an opportunity to pay tribute to these patriots, but it's important that we all demonstrate our appreciation throughout the year by implementing policies that honor veterans and their service. I'm proud that Congress has already taken steps to restore our military's readiness, increase healthcare coverage for veterans, and increase military pay, all of which are crucial to taking care of those who have defended our country.

"Throughout our nation's history, our brave men and women have answered the call to defend and protect our democracy. As a nation, we must remain committed to honoring their service and renew our mission to build a future worthy of their sacrifice, and I encourage all San Antonians to acknowledge and celebrate the courageous sacrifices and service of all our veterans."